VII/37. Amendment to rule 29 of the rules of procedure

The Conference of the Parties,

Bearing in mind the importance of transparency and promoting awareness and understanding of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal,

Recognizing the importance of the participation of non-governmental institutions and persons towards the achievement of the aims of the Basel Convention,

Decides to amend rule 29 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties to read as follows:

- "1. Meetings of the Conference of the Parties shall be held in public, unless the Conference of the Parties decides otherwise;
- 2. Meetings of committees and working groups established by the Conference of the Parties, other than drafting and informal working groups, shall be held in public unless the committee or working group decides otherwise."